

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1142

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate William H. and Billie Bodafor on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1952, William H. (Bill) Bodafor and Billie Paul were joined in holy matrimony in Ridgeland, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bodafor have been highly respected citizens of the Donelson community since 1970; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, a man of courageous character, Mr. Bodafor bravely served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary 22-year tenure in the U.S. Marines, Bill Bodafor attained the rank of First Sergeant and was wounded in both Korea and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, after his service in Vietnam ended in 1967, Sgt. Bodaforf and his family moved to the Nashville area, and he accepted the position as Officer in charge of the Recruiting Sub Station in the Customs Building in Nashville; he served with acumen and alacrity in this position until he took a much-deserved retirement in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bodaforf has diligently served her family and community as an exceptional homemaker and an outstanding citizen; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two sons, each of whom has served his country with great honor in the United States Marine Corps; the Bodaforfs' sons are: Bob Bodaforf of Mt. Juliet; and Tony Bodaforf of Cross Plains; both Bob and Tony followed in their father's footsteps and proudly served in the U.S. Marines before returning home to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Bodaforfs' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate William H. "Bill" Bodaforf and Billie Paul Bodaforf on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.